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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: John Carney et al

Serial No. 08/962,040

Examiner Jones

Filed: October 31, 1997

Art Unit 1614

For: SPIN-TRAPPING PHARMACEUTICAL  
COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS OF  
USE THEREOF

REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF ABANDONMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 19, 2003  
Wednesday

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Abandonment of December 19, 2002, applicants request that the Notice of Abandonment be withdrawn for the following reasons:

(1) The Notice of Abandonment indicates that the undersigned attorney informed the Examiner during a telephone interview that the above application was abandoned.

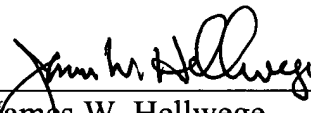
This statement is in error and the undersigned did not so inform the Examiner.

(2) Applicants timely filed a Request for Continued Examination on December 23, 2002, by which the above application remains pending.

The noted application accordingly has not become abandoned and an indication of same is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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